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Applicant: Tsuneyasu NOHARA et al.
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ENGINE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SYSTEM
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Art Unit: 3747

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENTS
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Species II, Figures 6 and 7, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-18 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic. Applicants further believe that claims 1-4 and 10-15 are generic.

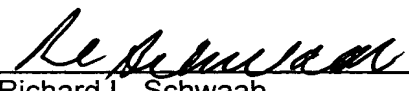
Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic, and/or claims directed to combinations that include the features of an allowed subcombination claim.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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